



Black Lives Matter

Legal Aid Society is a non-profit law firm whose mission is to pursue justice for people in poverty.

At this pivotal moment in history, the Legal Aid Society stands ready to serve our community through the provision of free civil legal services to low-income individuals. As explained by Louisville's own Muhammad Ali, "Service is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth." We believe in service, we stand for justice, and we hold strong to the fundamental truth that equal justice under law is not merely an aspiration, but a reality upon which all individuals should be able to rely.

There is no place for racism in our justice system. Equal justice under the law requires equal access, equal regard, **and** equal treatment for all. A justice system that applies the law unequally to some is a system devoid of justice for all. Through the eyes of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

Now and always, we say Black Lives Matter. As members of the legal community, it is our duty and honor to ensure that Black lives receive equal justice under the law. The loss of life in our community, our state, our country, and across the world as a result of racism is heart-wrenching and unacceptable. It devastates the lives of individuals and their families and creates horrendous trauma, scarring our communities.

In 1921 the Legal Aid Society was formed on the fundamental principle of equal access to and justice under the law for all. For nearly a century, we have fought for equal justice under the law. We represent individuals and non-profit groups every day in civil legal matters that are critical to their safety, stability, and health. Our fight for equal justice under law **must** include engagement against racism. We have a duty to work every day to demand the best of our justice system, looking both inward and outward. While we advocate for equal justice under the law for all, we also know from experience that justice is not always equal justice for all. Until there is equal justice under the law for all, true justice is not accomplished. In the words of Dr. King, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

We will continue to serve our clients, our community, and our country during this pivotal moment in history. Black Lives Matter.

The Legal Aid Society is a non-profit law firm serving fifteen Kentucky counties, including the counties of Breckinridge, Bullitt, Grayson, Hardin, Henry, Jefferson, Larue, Marion, Meade, Nelson, Oldham, Shelby, Spencer, Trimble, and Washington.